

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, many of our citizens in Idaho are in need of emergency food supplies; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to wage a war on poverty in order to uphold our state's commitment to the least fortunate; and

WHEREAS, last year in Idaho, approximately 66,300 families worried they could not afford to purchase food, and an additional 20,812 families had members who actually went hungry due to the lack of resources to provide food; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, and the US Postal Service in Idaho have organized food drives throughout the state to collect non-perishable food items to re-supply local food banks so they can continue to feed the hungry and less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the Postmaster General has recognized this effective and unique door-to-door food drive and designated this event as a national community service project of both the NALC and the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, last year the Idaho Foodbank distributed 5.45 million pounds of food to more than 200 partner agencies and its continued success depends on its friends at the U.S. Postal Service and their postal patrons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim May 14th, 2005, to be

LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE DAY

in Idaho, and I urge all citizens to join in working together to help resolve this urgent need for feeding the hungry by participating in this worthwhile project and donating food through mail carriers and local post officers. Further, I encourage all Idahoans to recognize and commend letter carriers throughout the state for the valuable services they perform to our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE GOVERNOR

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